**Ideas for using** skype_logo.png **in the Classroom**

* Students can instant message one another about books they are reading or what they might be learning in any other area.
* Students could read a text aloud to a small group of other students.
* Students could read a piece of their own writing to a small group of students. They could get feedback on it as well.
* Students can participate in book clubs outside of their classrooms.
* Students can communicate or learn from experts working in a particular field of study (ie: authors, illustrators, scientists, native speakers).
* Students who are ill or homebound could participate in school from home.
* Students could watch a performance such as a concert or play.
* Teachers can observe another teacher during reading/writing conferences.
* Teachers can Skype with parents when face to face meetings are not available.
* Students can Skype with parents during a particular part of their day.

**Websites to check out:**

[www.skypeanauthor.wetpaint.com](http://www.skypeanauthor.wetpaint.com) (lists authors who are willing to Skype with students)

[www.theedublogger.edublogs.org/tag/skype-in-the-classrooms](http://www.theedublogger.edublogs.org/tag/skype-in-the-classrooms) (lists teachers and experts around the world who are willing to Skype with students)